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SUBJECT: NATO DEFENSE INITIATIVES: TASK FORCE ON
CONSUMER LOGISTICS - MEETING WITH AC/300 ON 9 SEPT 77

SUMMARY. TASK FORCE 9 ON CONSUMER LOGISTICS MET ON
9 SEPT WITH MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC GROUP ON THE NEED FOR
A CONSUMER LOGISTICS FORUM (AC/300) TO EXPLAIN THEIR
METHOD OF WORK AND THEIR RELATIONS WITH OTHER RELATED
TASKFORCES. FOLLOWING THE BRIEFINGS, THE DISCUSSIONS
WERE CHARACTERIZED BY QUESTIONS FROM US REP (LOVELAND)
AND THE FRG REP (GEN SCHUNEMANN) CONCERNING THE CONTENT
OF THE FINAL REPORT TO CHIEFS OF GOVERNMENT. THE
DIRECTOR OF TASK FORCE 9 INDICATED THAT HE INTENDED TO
PRODUCE A PRODUCT BASED ON REQUIREMENTS, BUT WHICH DID
NOT CONSTITUTE "PIE IN THE SKY". END SUMMARY.

1. GENERAL HEISER, DIRECTOR OF TASK FORCE 9 (TF9) ON
CONSUMER LOGISTICS, HELD THE FIRST MEETING OF HIS TASK
FORCE TOGETHER WITH NATIONAL MEMBERS OF AC/300 ON 9
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SEPTEMBER. HE BRIEFED THE GROUP ON HIS INTENTION TO
COVER ALL OF THE AREAS DICTATED BY THE EXECUTIVE WORKING
GROUP (EWG) AND INTRODUCED THE CHAIRMEN OF HIS FOUR TASK
GROUPS. THREE OF THE CHAIRMEN (GENERAL HENON, COLONEL
DROST, AND COLONEL PROST) BRIEFED ON THE STATUS OF
THEIR WORK AND ON THEIR INTENTIONS FOR
CARRYING IT TOWARD COMPLETION.

2. GEN HEISER THEN READ EXCERPTS OF HIS LETTER TO THE DIRECTORS OF TASK FORCES 1, 2, 3, AND 4 (LTP(TF9)JH/4 OF 8 SEPTEMBER 77, SUBJ: SUMMARY OF COORDINATED AGREEMENTS WITH TASK FORCES 1, 2, 3 AND 4). THE TEXT OF THE LETTER IS QUOTED BELOW:
BEGIN TEXT:

1. IN ORDER TO CLARIFY AGREEMENTS REACHED PERTAINING TO MUTUAL AREAS OF INTEREST BETWEEN YOUR TASK FORCE AND TASK FORCE 9, I PROPOSE TO ISSUE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO ALL CONCERNED, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT BEFORE TRANSMITTING THIS TO OTHERS.

2. THE TRANSMISSION WOULD BE SUBSTANTIALY AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE COORDINATION BETWEEN TASK FORCES 1, 2, 3, 4 AND 9 HAVING AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST IN CONSUMER LOGISTICS FUNCTIONS HAVE RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENTS:

A. TASK FORCE 2 (REINFORCEMENT) WILL BE THE LEAD TASK FORCE PERTAINING TO OVERALL PLANNING AND OPERATIONS OF REINFORCEMENT ACTIONS. PERTINENT TO THE LAND AND AIR LOC ON THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE (INCLUDING THE UNITED KINGDOM), TASK FORCE 9 WILL BE RESPONSIBLE UNDER THE OVERALL CONFIDENTIAL

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REINFORCEMENT "UMBRELLA"; THUS, FOR EXAMPLE, MOVEMENTS OF REINFORCEMENT AND RESUPPLY ON THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE WOULD BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF TASK FORCE 9. TASK FORCE 9 WILL CONTRIBUTE TO TASK FORCE 2 AS APPROPRIATE TO THE OVERALL "UMBRELLA" OF REINFORCEMENT.

B. REFERENCE TASK FORCE 4 (MARITIME POSTURE), IT IS AGREED THAT LOGISTICS AT SEA IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF TASK FORCE 4; AIR AND LAND LOGISTICS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF TASK FORCE 9. (THEREFORE, THE PROBLEM "REPLENISHMENT AT SEA" IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF TASK FORCE 4.)

C. REFERENCE TASK FORCE 1, AS TO CIVIL SUPPORT, TASK FORCE 1 IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY PERTAINING TO THE NEGOTIATIONS OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN ALLIED COMMANDS AND NATIONS; TASK FORCE 9 IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING THE MILITARY LOGISTICS REQUIREMENTS AS THEY PERTAIN TO THE SUPPORT REQUIRED FROM NATIONAL SOURCES, AND, WITHIN THE UMBRELLA OF AGREEMENTS NEGOTIATED WITH NATIONS, TASK FORCE 9 WILL CONDUCT LIAISON SO AS TO GAIN UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT OF NATIONS FOR RELATED MILITARY LOGISTIC REQUIREMENTS.

D. THERE IS, AT THIS TIME, AN AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY INVOLVING BOTH TASK FORCE 1 AND TASK FORCE 9 WHICH IS DIFFICULT TO DELINEATE ON THE BASIS OF ANY GENERAL LOGIC - THIS IS THE AREA HAVING TO DO WITH SUPPLY LEVELS AND POSITIONING (AND PERHAPS OTHER RELATED ITEMS). TASK FORCE 1 MAY NEED TO WORK IN THIS REFERENCED AREA; SO DO WE IN TASK FORCE 9. HOWEVER, TASK GROUP 1 (MATERIEL) OF TASK FORCE 9 MUST COVER SPECIFIC ACTIONS INVOLVED IN THE AREA OF MATERIEL SUPPLY. SPECIFIC AGREEMENT WILL

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BE REACHED AS TO THE PARTICIPATION OF EACH TASK FORCE. SUCH COORDINATION ON ALL MUTUAL AREAS OF INTEREST WILL CONTINUE; TASK FORCE 9 WILL BE SUPPORTIVE TO LOGISTIC REQUIREMENTS OF TASK FORCE 1.

E. REFERENCE TRAINING EXERCISES, IT IS AGREED THAT TASK FORCE 9 WILL WORK WITH TASK FORCE 1 TO ENSURE THAT THE APPROPRIATE EMPHASIS COVERING LOGISTIC TRAINING EXERCISES IS CONTAINED IN THE ACTION OF TASK FORCE 1 (AS THE LEAD TASK FORCE).

F. AS REGARDS TASK FORCE 3 (RESERVE MOBILIZATION), IT IS AGREED THAT MATTERS OF LOGISTIC INTEREST OF TASK FORCE 9, REFERENCE INDIVIDUALS, TROOP STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION, WILL BE FED TO TASK FORCE 3 AS THE LEAD TASK FORCE BY TASK FORCE 9 UNQUOTE.

3. THANKS TO ALL FOR YOUR COOPERATION. PLEASE LET ME
HAVE YOUR CONCURRENCE AND/OR YOUR COMMENTS AS SOON AS
PRACTICABLE - I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THEM NOT LATER
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THAN 16 SEPT 77. /S/ HEISER.

END TEXT.

3. US REP (LOVELAND) OPENED THE DISCUSSION BY INDICATING
HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE BRIEFING THAT GEN HEISER
INTENDED TO BASE HIS FINAL REPORT ON REQUIREMENTS AS
OPPOSED TO ACCEPTABILITY. FROM THE BRIEFINGS, IT APPEARED
THAT THE TASK GROUP CHAIRMEN WOULD ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY
BASELINES FOR THE CURRENT STATUS OF AFFAIRS AS WELL AS
THE IDEAL LOGISTICS POSTURE AT CERTAIN INTERVALS DURING
THE COMING 15 YEARS. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT ACTION PROGRAMS
FOR AGREEMENT NEXT MAY WOULD BE BASED ON CERTAIN SELECTED
ITEMS WHICH THE NATIONS HAD AGREED TO ATTEMPT AND THAT
THESE ACTIONS WOULD BE TAILORED FOR CHIEFS OF GOVERNMENT
APPROVAL AT THE SUMMIT. IN ADDITION, HOWEVER, HE UNDER-
STOOD THAT THE REPORT WOULD ALSO INDICATE THE LOGISTICS
SHORTFALL EVEN AFTER THESE IMPROVEMENTS HAD BEEN
IMPLEMENTED. GEN HEISER AGREED THAT THAT WAS
INDEED HIS INTENTION AND THAT SHOULD ANY OF HIS HIGH
PRIORITY ACTION PROGRAMS NOT HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE
RELEVANT NATIONS BY THE TIME OF THE SUMMIT, HIS REPORT
WOULD INDICATE THE REASONS THEREFOR. THE FRG REP
(SCHUNEMANN) ADVISED CAUTION IN FORMULATION OF THE
ULTIMATE AIM OF TF9 IN ORDER TO AVOID DISCOURAGING THE
NATIONS FROM ATTEMPTING THE IMPROVEMENTS. GEN HEISER
AND THE US REP AGREED THAT THIS WAS A NECESSARY ASPECT,
BUT THAT THE TASK FORCE SHOULD NOT TAILOR THEIR PRODUCT
TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT THEY DID NOT GIVE THE CHIEFS OF
STATE A PERCEPTION OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH MIGHT REMAIN
AFTER THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE ACTIONS WHICH THE NATIONS
COULD AGREE TO. THE FRG REP AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE AGREED. BENNETT
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